

# Mira Costa Stunned By Spartans, 76-64



HE OWNED THE BACKBOARDS . . . South Center Steve Kuchenbecker retrieves rebound and looks to pass the ball in the Spartans' upset 76-64 Bay League win over Mira Costa Friday. Steve scored 19 points. (Press-Herald Photo)

## South 2-0 in League

By HENRY BURKE  
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Not only was Mira Costa deprived of upsetting Redondo last Tuesday, but unbecoming the Mustangs at the hands of Bay League opponent "South" Friday night.

The Spartans lived up to a wide-open pre-game pronouncement by Coach Jim Hanny that his team would shock the Michoichi varsity basketball team.

South led from fire-to-wire, scoring evenly on field goals and at the free throw line, for a well-earned win. The winners led as much as 17 points and never dipped below nine points in the fourth period.

Although staggered by the Mustang press defense at times, South broke completely clear of Michoichi defenses for several seemingly easy baskets.

Steve Kuchenbecker, in particular, made five of six free throws in the final quarter to ward off the opposition. He had nine free throws and five field goals and was probably the key to South's smooth defense.

Although the Mustangs were unable to play much of a run-and-gun game, and South dominated the backboards when either team shot.

"We owned the backboards tonight!" Coach Hanny said without confessing much of his game strategy. He credited upstarts Mark Sleeth and Steve French's 14 and 13 points as factors in the victory.

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Mira Costa, 0-2, had not lost its first two games of the Bay League since switching from the Pioneer League in the early 50s and for the first time in the school's history the Mustangs have lost three straight games in their home gym, losing to Redondo and Burbank in prior games.

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Even SC Coach John McKay will assist Mike McKeever, Jon Arnett and Salata with the jockey coaching and Willie Shoemaker will be the water boy.

What would appear to make the game a natural is the ex-Pop Warner kids, 12 and 13 years old, have a weight restriction in the neighborhood of 115 pounds, and they don't have to worry about the jockeys exceeding it.

But doing a little worrying are the Pop Warner "commissioners" from Southern California, and, of course, the national Pop Warner "promoters" are vitally concerned. They don't appreciate the identification of a "Pop Warner" spectacular without the customary "kick-back."

In my experience with the Pop Warner brass, which claims to be concerned with the health and welfare of the youngsters, a great deal is lacking in handling of their own barnstorming productions. Time after time I have seen games scheduled, only to find a team grossly overweight, but forced to play anyway. It has happened time after time.

It would be improper to put the Garden Grove kid allstars through a test of superiority against an "army of adult midgets," but today's show at Bolsa Grande is obviously more of a humorous exhibition than anything else.

When CIF Commissioner Ken Fagans interprets the game in such a way to relieve the threat of professionalism, there's not much to worry about.

Ordinarily in the case of Little League baseball, the president signs a franchise application against promoting special games, but Pop Warner franchises usually don't mean that much. Teams merely pay a membership fee of \$15 or so and promise to live up to the rules of the Southern California Federation. Part of the money goes to Executive Director John Scott in Philadelphia, who otherwise concentrates his efforts on arranging team trips to the East Coast or Hawaii—that is if the team has about \$4000 to spend on such a trip.

Maybe that's the reason Garden Grove scheduled this type of a game today—to raise money for some more fancy excursions next year!

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DAVE LAROCHE  
27-Point Effort

## LaRoche Baffles Aviation

Dave LaRoche, a 6-foot junior firing from the forward position, scored 27 points against Aviation Friday evening as West High rolled up its first win in the Pioneer League basketball campaign, 78-59.

The game was played before a solidly partisan crowd in the Warrior gymnasium. Even Coach Ken Brown of Aviation was absent, resting in South Bay Hospital with arm surgery from a school fall.

LaRoche hit 11 field goals and went 5 for 8 at the foul line to provide the spark which brought West back from a 16-14 first-quarter deficit. After scoring eight points in the first quarter, Dave pumped in a pair of field goals early in the second quarter to send the Warriors into a lead they never relinquished.

But that wasn't enough. LaRoche got 12 rebounds, tied up the ball three times, and stole it from unsuspecting Falcons three more times. The big crowd came to its feet when LaRoche fouled out with 1:13 left.

The victory gave West a 1-1 record in the Pioneer League chase. Torrance felled the Warriors in the opening game, 70-50.

Guard Dani Thomas, who scored 30 points in last Tuesday's non-league win over Culver City, managed but a pair of field goals and hit 6 of 8 free throws for a total of 10. Thomas got credit for eight assists.

John Cochran hit for 12—four from the floor and four free throws—and snared 20 rebounds for West. As a team, the Warriors got 52 off the boards, but Aviation came up with 59.

The game was virtually won at the foul line, with West getting 28 of 40 for a 70 percent clip. Aviation hit 13 of 25 free tosses.

The Warriors will rest Tuesday and return to the wars Friday at home against Lawndale.

WEST (78) FG FT PF TP  
LaRoche, D. . . . . 11 5 5 27  
Loyd, J. . . . . 0 1 1 2  
Marsden, J. . . . . 2 2 2 2  
Ostendorf, I. . . . . 1 0 0 2  
Thomas, D. . . . . 4 3 12 10  
Tyler, C. . . . . 0 0 0 0  
Hall, G. . . . . 1 4 2 0  
Gauthier, J. . . . . 1 5 0 0  
Lewis, E. . . . . 3 0 1 0  
Phillips, P. . . . . 0 0 0 0  
Totals . . . . . 25 28 18 78

AVIATION (59) FG FT PF TP  
Hann, J. . . . . 4 6 4 14  
Runnals, E. . . . . 0 0 0 0  
Hornor, J. . . . . 1 0 0 2  
Davo Stadium, J. . . . . 1 0 0 2  
Higgins, C. . . . . 0 0 0 0  
Noble, C. . . . . 7 0 0 10  
Agnich, G. . . . . 4 2 0 11  
Dan Stadium, J. . . . . 1 0 0 0  
Fanning, J. . . . . 1 2 3 4  
Carey, J. . . . . 3 2 3 8  
Totals . . . . . 23 13 26 59

Score by Quarters  
Aviation 16 8 15 26 59  
West High 14 19 20 25 78

## Basketball Scoreboard

COLLEGIATE  
USC, 75; Stanford, 59.  
UCLA, 76; California, 54.  
JUNIOR COLLEGE  
Compton, 74; L.A.C., 67.  
Pasadena, 79; Harbor, 77.  
Pierce, 79; Trade Tech, 75.  
SANTA MONICA REAL LEAGUE  
Santa Monica, 73; East Los Angeles, 68.  
Cerritos, 77; Bakersfield, 56.  
Long Beach, 90; El Camino, 78.  
BAY LEAGUE  
Palos Verdes, 63; Santa Monica, 60.  
South, 76; Mira Costa, 64.  
Hawthorne, 72; Rolling Hills, 60.  
CATHOLIC LEAGUE  
Plus, 76; Notre Dame, 63.  
St. Anthony, 76; Serra, 59.  
Mt. Carmel, 71; Loyola, 67.  
CAMINO REAL LEAGUE  
St. John Vianney, 63; Crespi, 52.  
St. Bernard, 67; Bishop Montgomery, 55.  
PREP LEAGUE  
Chadwick, 78; Black Fox, 20.  
West Torrance, 73; Aviation, 59.  
Torrance, 76; Lawndale, 52.  
El Segundo, 61; Lennox, 47.  
NON LEAGUE  
Beverly Hills, 73; Leuzinger, 72.  
North, 70; Culver City, 51.  
Redondo, 72; Paramount, 40.

## TORRANCE CONQUERS EVERYONE!

It hasn't happened in a long time!

All four varsity teams in the Torrance Unified School District reported basketball victories Friday evening.

In alphabetical order, North defeated Culver City, 70-51; South upset Mira Costa, 76-64; Torrance easily handled Lawndale, 76-53, and West put down Aviation, 78-59.

For the record, congratulations!

## North High Eases Up On Culver

Skip Enger's North Saxons went on a first half scoring spree to tack a 70-51 Sky League basketball loss on Culver City Friday night in the Saxon gym.

Center Ron Taylor scored 13 of his 18 points in the first 12 minutes of the contest. Coach Enger pulled his entire first string half way through the second period, the Saxons took such a commanding lead.

After the score went to 16-10 in the first quarter, North tallied the next 18 consecutive points and ran the count to 42-12 before the first string was benched.

NORTH (70) FG FT PF TP  
Neilson, J. . . . . 2 0 1 4  
Albin, J. . . . . 5 2 1 12  
Taylor, C. . . . . 8 2 2 18  
Richardson, K. . . . . 3 0 3 6  
Shearer, E. . . . . 2 0 2 4  
Trofin, G. . . . . 2 3 1 7  
Jacob, J. . . . . 3 0 3 6  
Levy, G. . . . . 3 0 3 6  
Mielke, J. . . . . 4 0 4 8  
Stoetzel, J. . . . . 4 0 4 8  
Sterling, G. . . . . 3 0 2 6  
Totals . . . . . 28 12 16 70

CULVER CITY (51) FG FT PF TP  
Hall, J. . . . . 1 1 1 3  
Colonna, J. . . . . 3 1 1 7  
Thomas, C. . . . . 0 0 0 0  
Levy, G. . . . . 3 0 3 6  
Williamson, C. . . . . 0 3 0 3  
Tilman, G. . . . . 2 0 4 4  
Totals . . . . . 22 7 14 51

Score by Quarters  
North 28 19 8 15 70  
Culver 10 9 13 19 51

## Torrance Recreation Department Nears 1000 Basketball Participants

Almost 1,000 boys, ages 10 to 18 participated in tip-offs at the Torrance Recreation Department's 17'35 basketball season games got under way at North, South, Torrance, and West High gymnasiums.

In spite of an increase of 400 boys over last year's participation, boys may still play for one of the 93 teams.

High school boys may sign up at Torrance High and West High. Openings for Rocky Mountain teams (7th and 8th graders) and Skyline teams (5th and 6th graders) exist at West High.

Play for Rocky Mountain and Skyline Leagues is held throughout the city at each of the four locations on Saturdays during January and February. High school boys have leagues on Monday evenings at Torrance High, Tuesday evenings at West High, Wednesday evenings at North High, and Thursday evenings at South High.

Teams may sign up players to reach their 10-player limit through January 19, 1965. Players added to rosters must have a parent permission slip.

The Torrance Recreation Department Basketball Program will be climaxed on March 6 with the crowning of league champs in each division at each of the four gyms and the honoring of the "City Champs" of Rocky Mountain and Big Ten play.



GRADUATING TO VARSITY . . . Former B Coach Fred Peterson, over the ball, will accompany some of the school's future prospects to the big team in the fall. He was named head football coach for 1965. Some of his prize varsity candidates are (left to right) Bob Golden, John Hoetger, Ron Norman and Paul Gadbois. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Fred Peterson Gets West Football Post

Fred Peterson, who guided the West High Class B football team through the 1964 football season with an 8-1 record, has been named head varsity coach for the 1965 campaign.

The announcement was made by West Principal Dr. Robert Ford at a school assembly.

Peterson succeeds Bill Parton who gave up the football assignment after his team's final league game against El

Segundo in November. Parton served three years as head coach.

Peterson becomes the second varsity coach at the school since it opened its doors in 1962. In addition to his lightweight football assignment, Fred is the varsity wrestling coach. He was recently elected president of the Torrance Pop Warner Football Association for a second straight year.

Peterson came to Torrance from Nebraska. He broke in-

to the coaching ranks there after graduating from Midland College.

Max Lomas who served as assistant varsity coach during Parton's tenure will continue in that capacity in the fall.

West failed to win in six Pioneer League games last year, despite a 19-18 non-league win over Palos Verdes, Bay League champion.

The Bees' only loss was 25-18 to unbeaten league champion Torrance.

## WIN SIXTH STRAIGHT Tartars Defeat Lawndale, 76-53

Torrance High stayed on the inside track to the Pioneer League basketball title Friday evening as the Tartars bumped Lawndale, 76-53, in a game played on the loser's court.

Bob Brennan, who can claim the honors as the league's best guard, paced the Tartar victory with 25 points. Brennan hit 11 field goals and added three more points from the foul line.

Forward Walt Hale provided the additional punch for the Tartars, connecting on 11 field goals and a single free throw for 23 points. Sophomore sensation Bart Johnson, who had connected for 20 and 23 in the last two Pioneer League outings, was a bit off the pace Friday. Johnson got only 15—seven from the floor and one from the foul line.

The Tartars have now won six straight and hold a 2-0 record in the league campaign. The squad hasn't lost a game since opening night in the Beverly Hills Tournament, when Ventura took a decision.

Torrance, which now sports an 11-4 season record, will take a rest from the action Tuesday. The team travels to Lennox next Friday for another Pioneer League battle.

WEST (76) FG FT PF TP  
LaRoche, D. . . . . 11 5 5 27  
Loyd, J. . . . . 0 1 1 2  
Marsden, J. . . . . 2 2 2 2  
Ostendorf, I. . . . . 1 0 0 2  
Thomas, D. . . . . 4 3 12 10  
Tyler, C. . . . . 0 0 0 0  
Hall, G. . . . . 1 4 2 0  
Gauthier, J. . . . . 1 5 0 0  
Lewis, E. . . . . 3 0 1 0  
Phillips, P. . . . . 0 0 0 0  
Totals . . . . . 25 28 18 76

LAWDALE (53) FG FT PF TP  
Hale, J. . . . . 11 1 2 23  
Johnson, J. . . . . 7 1 1 15  
Chaykowski, J. . . . . 0 0 0 0  
Davies, C. . . . . 1 0 0 2  
Brennan, B. . . . . 11 2 1 25  
Crockett, G. . . . . 0 0 1 0  
Fisher, J. . . . . 0 0 1 0  
Carpenter, E. . . . . 0 2 0 2  
Osborn, G. . . . . 0 1 1 1  
Totals . . . . . 33 12 8 76

Score by Quarters  
Torrance 18 22 24 12 76  
Lawndale 9 15 12 17 53

## North Jayvees Collect, 52-47

The junior varsity for North High won a 52-47 Sky League preliminary game from Culver City Friday night at North High. It was the team's second league win.

North (52) FG FT PF TP  
Becker, J. . . . . 11 1 2 23  
Gruke, J. . . . . 7 1 1 15  
Hansen, C. . . . . 1 0 0 2  
Wannstrom, G. . . . . 2 1 2 5  
Bibbey, C. . . . . 1 0 0 2  
Totals . . . . . 22 13 14 52

## Tarbabies Conquer Lawndale

The Tarbabies of Torrance High evened their Pioneer League Class B record at 1-1 with a 44-28 victory over Lawndale Friday in the THS gym.

The Cees dropped a 25-23 decision in the preliminary game.

Dwane Grim, scoring 11 points in the second half, led the Bees in scoring with 16.

Torrance (44) FG FT PF TP  
Grim, D. . . . . 11 5 5 27  
Owens, J. . . . . 0 1 1 2  
Bernard, J. . . . . 2 2 2 6  
Galyard, C. . . . . 0 0 0 0  
Ranall, C. . . . . 4 3 12 10  
Ward, J. . . . . 0 0 0 0  
Totals . . . . . 20 15 12 44

LAWDALE (25) FG FT PF TP  
Grim, D. . . . . 11 5 5 27  
Owens, J. . . . . 0 1 1 2  
Bernard, J. . . . . 2 2 2 6  
Galyard, C. . . . . 0 0 0 0  
Ranall, C. . . . . 4 3 12 10  
Ward, J. . . . . 0 0 0 0  
Totals . . . . . 20 15 12 44

## Aviation Wins Jayvee Contest

Aviation scored a 58-43 victory over West High in a jayvee basketball contest Friday evening. The game was played at West prior to the Aviation-West varsity game.

WEST (43) FG FT PF TP  
Hann, J. . . . . 4 6 4 14  
Runnals, E. . . . . 0 0 0 0  
Hornor, J. . . . . 1 0 0 2  
Davo Stadium, J. . . . . 1 0 0 2  
Higgins, C. . . . . 0 0 0 0  
Noble, C. . . . . 7 0 0 10  
Agnich, G. . . . . 4 2 0 11  
Dan Stadium, J. . . . . 1 0 0 0  
Fanning, J. . . . . 1 2 3 4  
Carey, J. . . . . 3 2 3 8  
Totals . . . . . 23 13 26 59

## Paramount Bows to Seahawks

Paramount, drawing a bye in the Coast League, rather than take the night off, traveled to Redondo and was washed to sea by a 75-40 non-league score.

The Seahawks garnered their 13th straight victory without a loss.

Redondo and South, both 2-0 in the Bay League ranks, clash Tuesday in the Spartan gym.

Redondo (75) FG FT PF TP  
Clemo, J. . . . . 5 1 2 11  
Hoffman, J. . . . . 1 0 1 2  
Sims, C. . . . . 0 0 0 0  
Honzmann, C. . . . . 1 3 1 5  
Woolf, J. . . . . 2 0 2 4  
Cole, G. . . . . 1 1 0 3  
Clyde, E. . . . . 1 4 0 6  
Fitzgerald, J. . . . . 0 0 2 0  
Bobby, J. . . . . 0 2 0 2  
Totals . . . . . 25 13 7 75

PARAMOUNT (40) FG FT PF TP  
Greblo, J. . . . . 0 1 1 1  
Schrammer, J. . . . . 2 0 2 4  
Pauley, C. . . . . 3 0 2 6  
Van Dyke, C. . . . . 5 0 3 15  
Hilgendorf, J. . . . . 2 0 0 4  
Witt, J. . . . . 2 0 0 4  
Kebutec, J. . . . . 0 0 1 0  
Roberson, J. . . . . 1 1 2 3  
Griglion, G. . . . . 1 1 3 3  
Totals . . . . . 16 2 21 40

## Basketball Calendar

TUESDAY, JAN. 19  
Metropolitan Conference  
Long Beach at Valley.  
Cerritos at El Camino.  
Bay League  
Redondo at South.  
Palos Verdes at Hawthorne.  
Mira Costa at Rolling Hills.  
Prep League  
Pacific at Chadwick.  
Non League  
Leuzinger at Torrance.

FRIDAY, JAN. 22  
Metropolitan Conference  
Valley at East L.A.  
El Camino at Santa Monica.  
Long Beach at Cerritos.  
Bay League  
Santa Monica at Hawthorne.  
Rolling Hills at Redondo.  
Mira Costa at Palos Verdes.  
Camino Real League  
St. Monica's at Pater Noster.  
St. Bernard's at Visney.  
Montgomery at Crespi.  
Pioneer League  
Torrance at Lennox.  
Lawndale at West.  
El Segundo at Aviation.  
Prep League  
Poly at Chadwick.

SATURDAY, JAN. 23  
Camino Real League  
St. Monica's at Lennox.  
Crespi at St. Bernard's.  
Visney at Montgomery.  
Non League  
North at Beverly Hills.  
Morningdale at Leuzinger.  
Inglewood at Culver City.

## Enters '500'

Three more top ranking drivers, headed by two-time Indianapolis winner Roger Ward joined the field for Sunday's Motor Trend-Riverside 500 mile stock car race at Riverside International Raceway.